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[¶](#)1. (U) Sensitive but unclassified. Not for Internet  
distribution.

[¶](#)2. (U) On November 2, post received a diplomatic note from  
the Turkmenistan Ministry of Foreign Affairs in response to  
Ref B demarche that urged the Turkmen government to improve  
its budgetary transparency.

BEGIN DIPLOMATIC NOTE TEXT:

According to Article IV of the Agreement between Turkmenistan and the International Monetary Fund (IMF), an IMF delegation visits Turkmenistan every year, and during their visit economic and financial data is given, to include information on the State Budget income and expenditures. At the conclusion of its visit, the IMF issues on its website a statement for the public, including data about the country's state budget.

Presently, with EU project assistance, Turkmenistan is improving the country's budgetary system and is preparing budget legislation for the effective functioning of the integrated state management system and budget transparency.

END TEXT.

[¶](#)3. (SBU) COMMENT. Although the GOTX did not provide more specifics for increasing budgetary transparency, post believes the response is positive in that it indicates a willingness by the GOTX to enact legislation and create programs designed to specifically increase transparency. END COMMENT.  
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